REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2-10 will be pending in the present application. Claim 1 is herein canceled. Claim 2 is herein amended. No new matter has been entered. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by *Zuller* (6,663,075), or *Kensinger* (6,131,866). As pointed out above, claim 1 is herein canceled. Thus, the rejection of claim 1 is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledges that claims 2-10 are allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Thus, to expedite prosecution, Applicants herein amend claim 2 to incorporate the features recited in claim 1. In view of this amendment, Applicants submit that currently amended claim 2 is allowable over the cited references.

Furthermore, Applicants submit that claims 3-10 are also allowable over the cited references by nature of dependency from claim 2.

Conclusion

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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